



Ralph W. "Skip" Wilcox

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Decatur-Ralph W. "Skip" Wilcox Jr., 93, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at McKinley Court.

Skip was born August 6, 1923 in Decatur, Illinois the son of Ralph W. and Mildred (Nicholson) Wilcox Sr. He proudly served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from Millikin University and retired from Caterpillar. Skip was a member of Lampstand Church and enjoyed spending time with his family. He married Mary Louise "Weezie" Irish on June 19, 1948. They shared over sixty-eight years together.

Skip leaves behind his wife Weezie of Decatur, sons Ralph (Carla) Wilcox III of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Daniel (Tresa) Wilcox of Chatham, Illinois, one brother Michael Wilcox of Salida, Colorado, grandchildren Tim (Brooke) Wilcox, Collin Wilcox, and Erin Wilcox, and great-granddaughter Violet Wilcox.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, one son Matthew Wilcox, and granddaughter Allison Wilcox.

Graveside services to celebrate Skip's life will be 1:00 PM Tuesday, November 1, 2016 in Fairlawn Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard and Pastor Jack Pitzer officiating. Memorials are suggested to Lampstand Church.

The family of Ralph W. "Skip" Wilcox Jr. is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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HS

Holly Shrader posted:

I remember so many gatherings in both Decatur & Danville with my folks, Ralph & Mid, Art & Marge & Skip & Weezie. I tried to be quiet in a corner so I could hear all the stories that were told & that got taller as the day wore on. Buck & I were lucky enough to be included in some of the CO gatherings too. So sorry for your loss.

December 19 at 10:00 AM

CD

Cindy Rinebold Desmarais posted:

So Sorry to hear of Skip's passing. I'm flooded with great childhood memories with the Wilcox Family! My Deepest Condolences & much Love! Cindy Rinebold Desmarais

November 1 at 2:26 PM

SL

Steve Livesay posted:

Dear Weezie, Moe, Dan and all the Wilcox Family, Growing up next door to you guys...I have nothing but fond memories of Skip. He was a thoughtful, considerate, warm-hearted man. And what a great sense of humor. He loved a good laugh and always had funny stories from the characters around the neighborhood. And if he couldn't find one there, he drew from his long list of political pals. He dedicated himself to caring for Matt after his accident and was so loving and kind, yet strong in adversity. One of the greatest cardinal fans who ever lived. I'm sure he is pleased to see the cubbies doing well this year. He loved his dogs...I only remember the old ones, Sonny and Patches, but I'm sure there were successors. I have never forgotten Skip's buying for me all the first day-cover commemorative stamps while I was in the Navy. He was a good friend to my parents. And a patriot—not an ideologue, but a man who cared about his community from the grass-roots up, serving as precinct committeeman and working to revitalize the neighborhood. He and Weezie took my shut-in mother to church, and brought her his toasted pecans all those many Christmas's. Thank you Skip for all those fond memories. Steve Livesay (formerly of 472 S. Seigel St.)

November 1 at 5:35 AM

LP

Louise Parsons posted:

So sorry to hear of Skip's death. We loved his "dry" humor and altho didn't say much he didn't miss a thing! Good memories of him in Sunday School! Our prayers are with you. God Bless.

October 30 at 6:31 PM



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BG

Brad Goodrich posted:

I got to know Skip working in the Macon County Republican Party. Skip, Skinny Taylor, and Bob Davis all became good friends. I discovered the Soulard Mardi Gras and John D. McGurk's with the help of Skip and Weezie. Skip served our community well with his service on the Macon County Board. Rest in peace, dear Skip, and sincere condolences to all your family and friends.

October 30 at 6:22 AM

NM

Nancy (Flanigan) Minton posted:

I worked with Skip at Caterpillar. I was never in Accounting, but he was a good friend of my dad (Charlie Flanigan). They were both veterans if the USAAC in WWII and they went to Millikin together, as well as worked in TimeKeeping and Accounting office together. Skip was such a nice man and could be very funny!

October 28 at 10:44 AM

PH

Patty Fisher Heit posted:

I worked with Ralph Wilcox at Bennett & Shade Insurance office, this might have been this Ralph Wilcox's father. I didn't know of him being called "Skip". He was a great guy. He painted faces on my knees with nail polish and bet me I wouldn't show my boy friend. Then at Christmas time he gave all the gals silk stockings and when I opened mine I found a extra pair so I told him and he had given me a extra pair. We had some good times and laughed lots. I'm 81 now, couldn't tell from what I saw in the paper. Maybe it will bring a smile to someone's face. Patty Fisher Heit, P O Box 874, Atwood, IL 61913.

October 27 at 7:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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